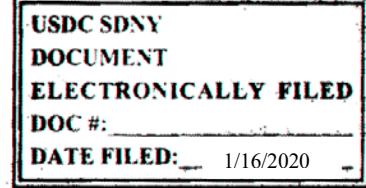


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:

**TERRORIST ATTACKS ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

03-MDL-01570 (GBD)(SN)

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ORDER

SARAH NETBURN, United States Magistrate Judge:

The Court has reviewed the January 10, 2020 letter from the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee ("PEC"). ECF No. 5484. To the extent the parties are seeking a judicial determination as to whether certain claimants are eligible for compensation from the VSSTF following passage of the United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund Clarification Act (the "Clarification Act"), the Court declines to do so. There is no "case or controversy" before the Court, and any opinion on eligibility would therefore be an advisory opinion. See U.S. CONST. art. III, § 2, cl. 1. If judgments are appropriate, the Court will enter them without concern for whether they will be accepted by the VSSTF.

Certain PEC lawyers indicate that they intend to file motions for judgments for approximately 50 claimants who were injured on September 11, 2001. The Court requests that such motions be filed on a rolling basis, beginning on January 21, 2020, and be filed by category of injury. While the Court cannot guarantee that such motions will be decided by the February 19, 2020 VSSTF filing deadline, any motions filed after February 3, 2020 will not be considered before the February deadline. Along with the motion(s) filed for the first category of injuries, the Court requests a brief letter describing the remaining category of injuries to be filed and filing

dates. At this time, the Court does not anticipate engaging a Special Master but may elect to do so once additional motions are filed.

SO ORDERED.



SARAH NETBURN
United States Magistrate Judge

DATED: January 16, 2020
New York, New York